

1945 Kansas State Fair Edition

KFH ARK VALLEY BOYS BUGLE

A Production of RADIO STATION KFH — Wichita, Kansas

Southwest's Famous Musical Attraction Returns to State Fair for Seventh Year

Own Specially Built "Big Red Barn" Just Off the Midway

EACH YEAR as the haze of Indian summer hangs over the hills and prairies of the Sunflower state the Ark Valley Boys return to their big "Red Barn" to greet loyal friends and listeners who attend the Kansas State Fair. Located just off the midway, the Red Barn has become the Mecca for Jayhawkers who love good American fun and good American music. Fair week is great fun for this most celebrated family of cousins in the entertainment field, and certainly they make the most of their opportunity to pass that fun along to you. These rollicking rogues of radio dress in frontier fashion and send along the kind of music you want to hear and the kind you like to dance to. Following requests faithfully, the band plays everything from old time "Squares" to the Congas and Rhumbas of our good neighbors to the south.

As for the big Red Barn, it's fitted with one of the finest floors for dancing you could ask for, and is spacious enough to accommodate even the thousands who flock there nightly. For the past six years it's been a landmark of the Fair to countless Kansans, as they feel free to use it as a meeting place with friends and neighbors.

Many familiar faces are still missing from the bandstand, as the feudin' Cousins, Corky Edminster, Roy Christianson, Clarence Brown, Fred, Ray, and Roy Victory, Dave Davenport, Jimmie Hall, Bill Boggs, Paul Ritter, and Vic Hawkins, Junior, are still wearing the uniforms of our fighting forces. The remainder of the family carries on, and, before the frost coats the pumpkin another time, we hope to have all the familiar feet under the ranch-house table again, and an unbroken family circle. But for now the show goes on, and the big Red Barn resounds to the music of free America.

In addition to seeing and hearing the Ark Valley Boys nightly, many of the top personalities of the entertainment world will "guest" on the evening programs presented from the Barn. Make it your headquarters as you join the Ark Valley boys in their seventh year at the Fair.

Veteran Showman Heads KFH Ark Valley Boys



VIC "PUNY" HAWKINS

WHEN visiting the Big Red Barn you'll immediately notice 300 pounds of good American flesh, togged out in frontier garb, topped by a smiling face, crowned with the best Stetson that money can buy. You guessed it, that's Puny Hawkins, genial boss-man of the Ark Valley Boys—a veteran entertainer of Radio, Stage and Screen, and certainly a ton of fun in any situa-

tion. Puny has trouped with the best of the stage companies, and during silent movie days became famous as one of the Mack Sennett Comedy Cops. Later played Western sheriff roles with Jack Hoxie and other top stars. Puny has led the Ark Valley boys for many years, and adds his own bit to your entertainment as he fronts the band, drums, dances, and gives out with songs. Yes, all 300 pounds of Puny Hawkins is dedicated to your fun, and every pound is good humored. Get acquainted with Puny—he's plain American home folks.

By all means see
"State Fair Revue"
the mammoth
NIGHT SHOW
in front of the Grandstand
at your Kansas State Fair.

FLASH! Cousin Clarence Brown, home on Navy leave, will be at the Big Red Barn for all broadcasts and dances throughout Fair week.

KFH BROADCASTS DAILY THROUHOUT FAIR WEEK

MUCH in demand for their air presentations, the Ark Valley Boys carry on their regular schedule of broadcasts from the "Big Red Barn" daily. From early morning to late at night the stage resounds to their music. Visitors to the Fair are invited to attend all their broad-

casts during the day without admission charge, as guests of Nutrena Mills, Harvey Brothers, Michigan Bulb Company, Vicks, and Malta Meal. On Saturday night at 7:00 your sponsor will be the Wildroot Company, as the barn dance goes on the air. These features offer to

Fair visitors an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the mechanics of broadcasting, and also to meet some of the special guests who join the Ark Valley Boys in their air presentations. Appearing during the years past have been many of the Fair officials, gover-

nors of Kansas, and other important personages. Just drop in at the Big Red Barn any time of the day, and you're sure to see and hear a show that will thrill one and all. And while you're there, be sure to get to know all the Cousins in this happy family of radio and stage.

FOR the past five years a beautiful little lady has warmed the hearts of radio listeners, and those who have attended Ark Valley Stage Shows. Only three years old when joining the unit, Little Geraldine



GERALDINE MAPES

Mapes is now eight, and truly the "Honey" of the entire unit. She sings, she yodels, and she acts, adding a charming personality to her beautiful voice. You'll love our "Little Golden-Haired Sweetheart of Song," Geraldine Mapes, a radio star destined to beam brightly for many years to come.

The KFH Ark Valley Boys have traveled over 100,000 miles to fill personal appearance engagements in the KFH area.



DORIS McLEISH

YOUR feet just won't stop tapping when Cousin Doris leads the way with her accordion interpretations. Equally at home is this charming young lady when seated at the piano, and her talent lends itself to all styles of musical presentation, from square dance to classic. There's no room for gloom in the outlook of cousin "Smiley" McLeish, the little lady holding down the center of the stage.

FOR several years Cousin Marc thrilled followers of the "Texas Playboys" and other top string bands, and now is doing just that for Ark Valley fans. His playing of the sax and clarinet is solid, sweet and stirring. A veteran entertainer and trooper, Cousin Marc added greatly to the danceable music of the Ark Valley Boys when he joined the happy family. And, folks, he's here to play anything you'd like in the way of music. If he doesn't know the tune you ask for, he'll play a reasonable facsimile.



MARK EHART

GENE Fain is now a full-fledged "Cousin." Known to fans all over the great southwest for his work with Bob Will's Playboys, Gene now is presenting his talents to the patrons of the Ark Valley Boys. Gene gladly served his country in the Southwest Pacific, just one of the boys who did their bit, and now with guitar, bass fiddle, violin and voice, Gene is doing more than his share to make good musical entertainment for you.

Eleven KFH Ark Valley Boys are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.



GENE FAIN

IT TAKES a real entertainer to be "Shoes off Hillbilly" one minute and a highly talented vocalist the next. Yet, that's exactly the role played by Cousin Mickey since the first days of the Ark Valley



MICKEY PENNINGTON

Boys. One of the finest yodlers in the business, Mickey also sings sweet ballads, popular tunes, and novelty numbers, and can fill the drummer's chair in the band in capable fashion. Cousin Mickey, in addition, has her own Chick-a-doodlers, a peppy gang heard on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings for Nutrena Mills. She loves to sing and you'll love to see and hear her.



CLAUDE CHILDERS

DAYS may come and days may go, but the old Tomcat of the Keyboard goes on forever, entertaining the folks and inviting their tapping toes to follow his steady rhythm. Cousin Claude presides at the piano for the Ark Valley boys, a spot he's filled for many a year. A familiar friend to all who follow the fortunes of the popular unit, Cousin Claude tried to retire recently, but there's no rest for the talented and the old Tomcat is back in the harness again, and we all hope it's for keeps.

COUSIN Snazzy is the biggest of the Ark Valley Boys and certainly has one of the biggest jobs. He presides over the bass fiddle, takes care of the sound installations and stage settings, and lends valuable aid in keeping things in general on the beam. Through it all, Cousin Snazzy maintains his sunny disposition and attains close to perfection in playing the bass. Dearly loves to take slap choruses and smiles all the while he burns the dog house down. It would be hard to get along without our Cousin Snazzy.



HUGHSTON FORTNER

FROM the Hoosier state comes our guitar-playing Cousin Bill. Adept at both standard rhythm and beautiful melodies, Bill plays a wicked fiddle, too. His singing adds a true frontier flavor to many of the ballads of mountains and plains. Bill has certainly become an important member of the Ark Valley Family, and fits into the musical groove in great style. You'll find that Cousin Bill is not high hat in any way—he's just a country boy that goes to town with the Ark Valley boys.

See and hear two broadcasts daily (Big Red Barn) 4:00 & 10:30 p.m.



BILL HENDRIX

MANY ARK VALLEY FAVORITES SOON TO RETURN FROM "COMMAND PERFORMANCE" WITH UNCLE SAM



1. Bill Boggs—Army; 2. Roy Victory—Army; 3. Vic Hawkins, Jr.—Navy; 4. Lee Edminster—Navy; 5. Ray Victory—Army; 6. Jimmy Hall—Army; 7. Fred Victory—Navy; 8. Dave Davenport—Navy; 9. Clarence Brown—Navy; 10. Roy Christensen—Navy; 11. Paul Ritter—Army.

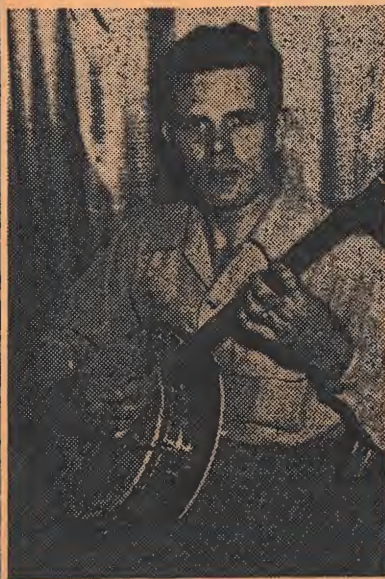


VERNON REED

RIGHT in the thick of things wherever the Ark Valley Unit appears is a be-whiskered old gent in buckskin, the "Old Trader." A mandolin or fiddle placed in his capable hands seems to suddenly become charmed, as the music comes flying out. Probably he has a mouth organ in his pocket, too, if he could find it. Once the whiskers are removed, the personality is changed into our own program director, Vernon E. Reed, a veteran of stage and radio, and one of the fathers of the Ark Valley ideals. If you have a question, just ask the "Old Trader" because he knows all the answers.

WHEN you hear that banjo plunkin' in the background, or taking you on a dizzy whirl through some melody, you'll know that Cousin Jack Mayfield is back in the Ark Valley gang. An early member of the group, Cousin Jack took time out to labor in a defense plant for the duration. Now that victory is ours, Jack is back. Not only does he play a wicked banjo, but he sings those frontier tunes the way you like them. He's a good-looking rascal, too . . . just like all the Cousins.

Two broadcasts daily at Big Red Barn — 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



JACK MAYFIELD



JANZEN SISTERS

'TWAS a great day in the Janzen household when Jane and Vi came to live with the family, and it certainly was a great day for the Ark Valley boys when these two talented and beautiful songstressess came to grace our microphones and charm our listeners. These two dark-eyed darlings sing that good, close harmony you love to hear, and are guaranteed to be a sure cure for the blues. If you have a favorite tune, just tell the Janzens—they'll sing it for you, and how!

Over a million admissions have been sold for Ark Valley Boys.

FROM the very first appearance to the present time, Cousin Curly Peavler has been featured as caller of the popular square dances, played by the Ark Valley Boys. Recognized as the best caller in the Southwest, Cousin Curly has other duties too numerous to mention. He is floor manager for all dances, and gladly cooperates in any situation that demands his help. He'll be glad to find you a girl to dance with, and on occasion even has held a crying baby so that mother could trip the light fantastic. If you'd like to meet a friend, just search out our Cousin Curly.



RAY PEAVLER

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